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and the Lord of the H. O. R. E.

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His Majesties Speech

To the Knights, Gentlemen,
and Freeholders of the County of Not-
tingham, at Newarke.

Gentlemen,



Our honest Resolutions and Affections to mee and your Country, for the defence of my Person, and the Lawes of the Land, have been, and are so notable, that they have drawn me hither only to thank you : I goe to other places to confirm and undeceive my Subjects, but am come hither only to thank and encourage you : You have made the best judgemnt of happinesse, by relying on that foundaton, which the experience of so many hundred yeares hath give such prooffe of, The Assurance and Securry of the Law : And assure your selves when Laws shall bee altered by any other Authority, then that by which they were made, your foundations are destroyed ; And though it seemes at first but

to take away my Power, it will quickly swallow up all your Iniquities. I take nothing of you (though your denunciations gives me good evidence that you are not willing so deny) but to preserve your owne Affections to the Religion and Lawes established; I will justifie and protect those Affections, and will live and die with you in that quarrell.



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His Majesties Speech

To the Knights, Gentlemen, and
Freeholders of the County of LIN-
COLN at LINCOLN.

Gentlemen,

IF I could have suspected your affections, or have censured the dutie of this County by some late Actions in it, I should not have taken this paines to have given you a Testimony of my Affection to you, and to remove those Objections, which being raised by a Malignant party, may, by their cunning and industry, get credit even with honest mindes, The truth is, I come to you to assure you of my purposes and Resolutions for the Defence of what ever is or should be deare unto you, your Religion, your Liberty, your Common Interest, and the Law of the Land: and to undeceive you of that Opinion, which I heare hath misled many of you, That the pretended Ordinance of the Militia is warranted by my consent and Authority. As I have already informed you, by my severall Declarations and Messages, that the same is against the knowne Law, and an Invasion of my unquestionable Right, and of your Liberty

and Property, so I doe now declare unto you, that the same is imposed upon you against my Expresse Consent, and in Contempt of my Regall Authoritie. And therefore whosoever shall henceforth presume to execute or obey the same, I shall proceed against them, as against such who promote Rebellion, and actually belee Warre against me: And I doubt not, but you will sadly consider, That if any authoritie without and against my Consent may lawfully impose such Burthens upon you, it may likewise take away all that you have from you, and subject you to their Lawlesse Arbitrary Power and Government. And how farre they are like to exercise that Jurisdiction towards you, you may gaesse by the Injustice of Sir *John Hall* at *Hull*, who (being a Subject) not onely seizes us upon His Sovereign, by force of Armes, out of His Towne, but murders His Fellow Subjects, Imprisons them, burnes their Houses, plunders their Land, takes them Captives, and commits such Outrages, and Acts of Hostilitie, as are most equall and outrageous Enemies practise in any Countrey. That you may see how impossible it is for your Liberties and Properties to be preserved, when your King is Oppressed, and His just Rights taken from Him. Who hath brought these Calamities upon your Neighbours at *Hull*, every Man sees; and they onely can bring the same upon you. I will not believe you to be so insensible of the Benefits you have received from Me, that I need put you in minde of the Gracious Acts passed by mee this Parliament on your behalves, And if there

be any thing wanting, to the making you the hap-
 piest Subjects in the world, I am sure it is not my
 fault that you have not that too: Be not deceived
 with words, and general Expressions. It is not in
 your power to name one particular, which might
 make you happy, that I have refused to Grant,
 Be not frightened with Apprehensions, That this
 Countrey is like to be the Seat of a War, the Seat
 of a war will be only where persons rise in Rebelli-
 on against me; that will nor, I hope, be here, and
 then you shall be sure of my protection. I will live
 and die in your Defence, and that you may bee in
 a Readinesse, and a Posture to Defend your selves
 and me, against any Invasion or Rebellion, I have
 Armed severall Persons of Honour, Qualitie and
 Reputation amongst you, and of your owne Coun-
 trey, with a Commission of Array to that purpose:
 There is no honest end declared in that Ordinance,
 which is not provided for by this Commis-
 sion, which being according to the old known Law,
 is fit for your Obedience, and I doubt not will
 finde it.

In a word, I assure you, upon the Faith, and Ho-
 nour of a Christian King, I will be alwayes as ten-
 der of any thing which may advance the true Pro-
 testant Religion, protect and preserve the Lawes of
 the Land, and defend the just Priviledge and Free-
 dome of Parliament, as of my Life, or my Crowne:
 and when I faile in either of these, I will not looke
 for your assistance; till then you are concerned nor
 to see me suffer.

FINIS.

VOTES.

Die Martis. 12. July. 1642.

Resolved upon the Question.

That an Army shall be forthwith raised for the safety of the Kings person, defence of both Houses of Parliament, and of those who have obeyed their Orders and Commands, and preserving of the true Religion, the Laws, liberty and peace of the Kingdom.

Resolved upon the Question.

That the Earle of Essex shall be the Generall.

Resolved upon the Question.

That the House doth declare, that in this cause for the safety of the Kings person, defence of both Houses of Parliament, and those who have obeyed their Orders and Commands, and preserving of the true Religion, the Laws, liberty and peace of the Kingdom, they will live and die with the Earle of Essex, whom they have nominated Generall in this Cause.

Resolved upon the Question.

That a Petition shall be framed, to move His Majesty to a good accord with his Parliament, to prevent a Civill War.

The Petition being drawn, was agreed unto upon the Question: and with these Votes were presented unto the Lords, who returned Answer, they did concur with the house of Commons, in omnibus.

Whereupon both Houses ordered, that the Earle of Holland, Sir John Holland, and Sir Philip Stapleton should forthwith repair to Beverley, and present the Petition unto His Majesty.

The Message of the 11. of July came to the House of Peers, after this Petition was agreed on: being so full an Answer thereto, as both Houses resolved to give no other Answer to that Message, but the said Petition.

Resolved upon the Question, 14. July. 1642.

That all the Members of this House that have subscribed for the bringing in of Horse, Money, or Plate, doe bring in the same by Tuesday next, and that a Report be made then to the House who are defecting herein.

Resolved upon the Question.

That the Earle of Bedford shall be Generall of the Horse.

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